FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 21-177; RM-11904; DA 21-461; FR ID 26049]

Television Broadcasting Services Redding, California

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission has before it a petition for rulemaking filed by Sinclair Media Licensee, LLC (Petitioner), the licensee of KRCR-TV (ABC), channel 7, Redding, California. The Petitioner requests the substitution of channel 15 for channel 7 at Redding, California in the DTV Table of Allotments.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] and reply comments on or before [INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 45 L Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve counsel for the Petitioner as follows: Paul A. Cicelski, Esq., Lerman Senter, PLLC, 2001 L Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In support of its channel substitution request, the Petitioner states that the Commission has recognized that VHF channels have certain propagation characteristics which may cause reception issues for some viewers, and also that the reception of VHF signals requires larger antennas, that are generally not well suited to the mobile applications expected under flexible use, relative to UHF channels. According to the Petitioner, KRCR has

received numerous complaints from viewers unable to receive an over-the-air signal, despite being able to receive signals from other stations. In addition, the Petitioner submitted an analysis, using the Commission's *TVStudy* software analysis program, demonstrating that the proposed channel change from channel 7 to 15 would result in a minimal loss of service to only 299 people currently predicted to receive KRCR's signal. In addition, the Petitioner states that KRCR's proposed channel 15 facility is predicted to serve a total of 517,605 people, a net gain of 30,175 potential viewers over the existing KRCR channel 7 licensed facility.

This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, MB Docket No. 21-177; RM-11904; DA 21-461, adopted April 21, 2021, and released April 21, 2021. The full text of this document is available for download at https://www.fcc.gov/edocs. To request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, computer diskettes, or audio recordings), please send an email to FCC504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Government Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (VOICE), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

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See §§ 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's rules for information regarding the proper filing procedures for comments, 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

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Proposed Rule

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICE

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 155, 301, 303, 307, 309, 310, 334, 336, 339.

2. In § 73.622 in paragraph (i), amend the Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments under California by revising the entry for Redding to read as follows:

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

(i) ***

Community	Channel No.

California	

Redding	*9, 15

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